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SPECIAL FIXED PRICE LIST #5

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Welcome to our fifth fixed price list of colonial coins, tokens and related issues. This rather short list presents a good variety of material, all of which is priced for immediate sale--many pieces are offered at, or even below, our cost, others have been marked up just slightly above our cost. With the recent completion of the Edward Hessberg sale by Stack's [look for our review of the sale elsewhere in this price list], it's obvious that while other areas of the hobby remain slow, colonial coins have experienced phenomenal growth. When pieces are bringing six, seven and eight times what they realized just a year or two ago, it certainly argues for strength in this collecting area! With this increase in prices, it might seem a strange time to offer the following coins at incredibly low prices; simply put, we were heavy buyers at several recent sales, and, somehow, someway, the bills have to be paid! It's a rare opportunity for the collector to obtain choice, rare or darned inexpensive coins for their collections--call now to avoid disappointment!

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MISCELLANEOUS PRE-CONFEDERATION COLONIAL ISSUES

1. Undated [circa 1672-1684] Elephant Token, usual GOD PRESERVE LONDON reverse, thick planchet [Hodder dies 2-B]. Fine to Very Fine, weak centers as usual [though the legends are full], and with a few small obverse laminations. Nice chocolate color. A very scarce issue--you can imagine how tough it is to find a 300+ year old coin in decent condition!.....$179

2. 1722 Rosa Americana Penny, UTILE DULCI reverse. Very Fine or better; unsold from our last price list [where it was plated] at $279, now offered at below our cost.....$189

3. 1723 Rosa Americana Twopence, crowned rose, motto on scroll. Very Good or so, the peripheries somewhat weak, though most of the legends are visible. Tough type coin.....$59

4. 1723 Wood's Hibernia farthing, eleven harpstrings, Fine to Very Fine. Popular denomination. From out last price list at $69, available at only.....$39

5. 1723 Wood's Hibernia halfpenny, Fine to Very Fine, evenly worn; one small reverse lamination of little significance. Quite clean.....$25

6. 1724 Wood's Hibernia halfpenny, Very Fine or so, with full legends and date, but struck on a slightly rough planchet. Great color, and a truly affordable example of this scarce date [many times more difficult to find than the 1723's].....$35

7. 1783 Constellatio Nova, Crosby 1-A, large U.S. Very Good to Fine.....$29

8. 1785 Constellatio Nova, Crosby 2-A, SMALL DATE variety. Very Good, granular. This variety is the rarest genuine Constellatio Nova in the entire series [a full R-6] and seldom encountered in any grade.....$79

9. 1785 Constellatio Nova, Crosby 4-C [Low Rarity 6], the second rarest variety. Fine, from the John M. Foreman sale [Stack's 5/89] and, more recently, our fourth price list; it was plated in both places. A choice example of a variety that is almost never found nicer.....$209

10. 1785 Constellatio Nova, Crosby 5-E, Very Good, late reverse die state. Quite clean for the type.....$24

CONNECTICUT COPPERS

11. 1785 Miller 1-E. Surfaces and some detail of Very Fine, other areas more like Fine. Weak at the top of the obverse figure's head and the lower reverse. Full legends. Small clip at K-7. From the Henry Clay Miller collection, with his painted die variety in the left obverse field. Close to Condition Census quality for this Rarity-5 variety.....$129

12. 1785 Miller 1-E, another. Very Good or so, about half the legends are visible. Rough planchet with a few light cracks on either side. Another example pedigreed to Henry Clay Miller, with his attribution in the left obverse field.....$49

13. 1785 Miller 3.3-F.3, Fine or so, nearly full legends and date; straight clip at K-6 obverse. Nice example of the variety.....$29

14. 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1, Very Fine, full legends and date. Usual poor planchet with scattered [natural] defects on either side, though mostly on the obverse. One of the most affordable VF 1785's you'll ever find!.....$39

15. 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety. Very Good or so, most legends and date are visible; evenly rough, as often found. From the famous--or infamous--1991 1/2 EAC sale [a.k.a. "The Midnight Sale"] by Mike Ringo Rare Coin Auctions, accompanied by a copy of the original lot ticket penned by none other than Walter Breen! A popular type coin, enhanced by its "noteworthy" pedigree.....$99

16. 1785 Miller 4.4-C, Very Good, left side slightly weak. Attractive.....$29

17. 1786 Miller 1-A, the "Double Chin" variety. Very Good, lightly granular. Most legends visible. A pleasing, problem-free example of this distinct type coin.....$79

18. 1786 Miller 2.1-A, the "Small Head" variety. Sharp Very Fine, with full legends and date. There are a few light striations on either side [a fate that seems typical to the majority of the variety]; attractive chocolate brown. Much nicer than the Norweb coin, or that offered on our last price list. One of the most pleasing examples of this scarce Machin's Mills issue that we've ever seen--call quickly on this one!.....$189

19. 1786 Miller 5.4-G. Fine, four reverse dents. Full legends and date.....$25

20. 1786 Miller 5.4-O.1, Very Fine, full legends and date. Nice chocolate brown color, the surfaces free of all but the most minor marks. A very attractive type coin, with sharp detail.....$99

21. 1786 Miller 5.5-M, Fine, completely free of any problems. Full legends and date.....$29

22. 1786 Miller 6-K, one of only two "Draped Bust Left" varieties for the year. Good, most of the obverse and half the reverse legends visible. An evenly worn example of this extremely tough [Low Rarity-6] variety.....$69

23. 1787 Miller 1.2-C, the "Muttonhead" variety. Very Good. Late die state; as usual, only a hint of the legends can be made out. Even medium brown, free of any defect.....$39

24. 1787 Miller 4-L, the "Horned Bust" variety. Very Fine. Three old obverse scrapes. An inexpensive, high-grade example of this popular variety.....$59

25. 1787 Miller 9-D, Good/Fine. Typical weak obverse strike, though with nearly full legends. The reverse is much sharper with only LI of LIB weak. Full date [practically unheard of for the variety!]. A very tough [Rarity-5] variety, struck from a completely handcut obverse die [called a prototype die by Breen].....$49

26. 1787 Miller 11.2-K, Very Fine. Somewhat weak strike in the centers, as often seen; full legends and date. Small clip at K-3 affects no legend or design details. Gorgeous glossy brown surfaces; quite attractive. Another specimen from the Henry Clay Miller collection, with his delicate attribution number in the left obverse field. A premium example.....$179

27. 1787 Miller 14-H, close to Very Fine, usual striking weakness at centers. Full legends, most date. Attractive medium brown; a few reverse hairlines do not detract.....$59

28. 1787 Miller 15-F, the "CONNECT" variety. Very Fine detail, the obverse a bit weak at the right. A few scratches either side. Fantastic detail for this scarce variety, the only obverse die with this spelling.....$25

29. 1787 Miller 15-S, the "Fatal Break" variety. Fine, sharply struck, with full legends [except where covered by the reverse break] and date. Evenly rough, as often found on the variety. Nicer than the Taylor coin [a VG at $357.50] or the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin [a VG that was called "Condition Census"] which sold for $440. A most unusual opportunity to acquire one of the finest known examples of this High Rarity-6 variety.....$329

The present example is an intermediate die state, with the reverse break between Taylor: 2432 [the earliest we've seen] and later examples such as Taylor: 2431 or Hessberg: 1386.

30. 1787 Miller 17-g.3, Fine, evenly granular, though with full legends and date. Attractive light brown.....$19

31. 1787 Miller 24-g.3, Fine. CONN and date weak; planchet flaw at the obverse center. Quite close to the Taylor coin [a VF at $385] and the Hessberg example [low-end VF at $330]. From our last price list at $129, now offered below our cost at.....$89

32. 1787 Miller 28-m, Very Fine/Fine, the reverse strike, as usual, somewhat mushy [cf. the AU Hessberg example]. Slightly off center to K-7, affecting only the tops of AUCT; other legends and date are full. An attractive example of a scarce variety.....$69

33. 1787 Miller 30-hh.1, Very Fine. Well struck, with full legends and date. Glossy chocolate brown, free of any defect or damage. A perfect example of the variety or type.....$129

Common varieties of Connecticut coppers in problem-free Very Fine condition were bringing anywhere from $300 to $700 in the recent Hessberg sale; this coin is more attractive than some of those offered by Stack's, and, is available at a fraction of those prices--why not add one of the choice pieces offered on this list to your collection?

34. 1787 Miller 31.1-r.4, Very Fine. Another choice specimen, with a strong strike and full legends [the date a trifle weak]. Attractive light brown, completely free of defects.....$119

35. 1787 Miller 31.1-gg.1, Very Fine. The obverse hair detail is a bit weak, though everything else is sharp, including full legends and date. Very clean, medium brown surfaces. The Hessberg coin, also a VF, sold for $357.50 to another dealer--this one is available for less than half that price!.....$119

Although we don't like to see colonials touted for investment purposes, we would like to point out that the possibility of purchasing coins of comparable quality--and a fraction of the cost--of those sold at recent auctions sure seems to be something worth investigating.

36. 1787 Miller 31.2-r.3, Very Fine. The centers are a bit weak, but all the other detail including the drapery, legends and date is sharp. Unusual planchet shape, with a distinct protrusion at K-10. Another choice coin.....$119

37. 1787 Miller 32.2-X.2, Fine/Very Fine, full legends and date. Die variety painted in white ink in the left obverse field in Hillyer Ryder's script.....$89

Coins that can be traced back to the leading collections of the 19th and early 20th centuries, such as Hall, Wurtzbach, Ryder and Miller are always in demand by collectors who appreciate the joy of owning something that was once part of such prominent collections of days past.

38. 1787 Miller 32.5-aa, the popular "FNDE" variety. Overall grade of Fine, though most detail is of the VF level. The surfaces are microscopically granular, creating a matte-like effect. Dark brick red, with areas of dark brown on either side, not unattractive. The date and legends [including the all-important error, which occurred when the die cutter mistakenly thought he was working on a Fugio die] are complete. Check and see how often this variety comes up in grades above VG--the Hessberg coin, which we thought was barely VG, brought $121.....$89

39. 1787 Miller 33.2-Z.5, About Uncirculated. Well struck, with full legends and date; usual slight weakness at the obverse effigy's hair and the corresponding area of the reverse. Two obverse flaws are completely natural and were in the planchet before the coin was struck, and are not all that detracting. Gorgeous light brown, obviously faded from original mint color, with remnants of original red around the reverse. This is the third finest known example of the variety, edged out by two slightly nicer AU coins: no fully Uncirculated example of the variety is known. We note that the Dr. Hall-Edward Hessberg coin [mistakenly catalogued as "33.12-Z.5"] was only a VF--and these were two collectors who only bought the finest examples they could find! Everything remotely close to AU or full mint state brought well over $1,000 in the Hessberg sale--sometimes five, six, seven or eight times that figure. This coin appeared on our last list at $599, and though we were tempted to raise our price on it based on the current levels achieved by comparable pieces, we've decided not to--one lucky customer will get a very choice coin at well under half the prevailing market value!.....$599

40. 1787 Miller 33.5-T.2, the "Skeleton Hand" variety. Very Fine, some light planchet imperfections on either side, the most serious being a lamination between the branch hand and INDE on the reverse. Full legends and date. A very attractive example of this Rarity-5 variety, quite close to the example in the recent Hessberg sale that opened at $100 and finally brought $990 in a furious floor battle. How about one for less than a third of that price?.....$299

Another coin with an illustrious pedigree; this was Lot 11 of The Midnight sale, and is accompanied by a copy of the original descriptive lot ticket.

41. 1787 Miller 33.7-r.2, Fine or slightly better. Full legends and date, with no defects at all on the attractive medium brown surfaces. Quite close indeed to the full VF level, but, at a fraction of the cost.....$69

42. 1787 Miller 33.9-s.2, Fine. Full legends and date. The planchet is slightly rough at the right reverse.....$59

43. 1787 Miller 33.10-Z.8, Very Fine, slightly weak at the lower obverse/upper reverse, though the only part of the legend affected is the fifth cinquefoil; the date is full and even shows dentils underneath. Attractive medium brown, with only one small lamination in the left obverse field of little importance. A High Rarity-5 variety, much nicer than the example on our last list.....$229

Another example from The Midnight Sale, also accompanied by a copy of the descriptive lot ticket.

44. 1787 Miller 33.11-Z.18, Very Fine. One small area of weakness at the obverse drapery; everything else is sharp, including the legends and date. Attractive ebony color, with only a few small marks on the surfaces. About on par with the Hessberg example that recently sold for $495, showing stronger reverse details than that specimen. This is the first example of this Rarity-5 variety that we've been able to offer.....$229

Late die state, with a distinct cud formed over the TO of AUCTORI.

45. 1787 Miller 33.13-Z.7. Overall grade probably close to Very Fine. As usual, this example is weakly and unevenly struck, as the dies were extensively cracked and buckled and all but disintegrating. Full obverse legends, the reverse legends and date are about half visible. Glossy dark brown, with areas of greenish highlights on the obverse. One small lamination takes out the I of LIB on the reverse. This Rarity-6 variety will be appreciated by the experts; the Hessberg specimen, only slightly nicer, brought $770!.....$129

46. 1787 Miller 33.14-Z.14, Very Fine obverse, Fine reverse. Full legends on both sides, the date area is only slightly weak. Dark brown planchet, lightly rough on the obverse, more so on the reverse. Still, a very attractive example of this Rarity-5 variety, the detail quite close to the "Choice Extremely Fine, virtually About Uncirculated" Hessberg specimen which realized $935; also available at less than a quarter of that price!.....$129

Lot #13 of The Midnight Sale, accompanied by a copy of the descriptive lot ticket.

47. 1787 Miller 33.15-r.1, Choice Very Fine. Sharply struck on a lovely golden brown planchet; all details are crisp. One lamination at the C of AUCTORI and the D of INDE. Quite close to full Extremely Fine [and sold as such in the past]. Much nicer than the cleaned Hessberg VF that brought $330 to another dealer; this was on our last price list at only $189, and though it would be tempting to move it up to a higher price level, we'll make it even more attractive and offer it at less than half the Hessberg price!.....$159

48. 1787 Miller 33.15-r.1, another. Very Good, porous on both sides. A duplicate from the Henry Clay Miller collection, with his painted die attribution in the left obverse field. Perhaps the least expensive ex-Miller coin that one could ever hope to find!.....$22

49. 1787 Miller 33.17-r.1, close to Very Fine. Probably fully of that level, but weak in the centers [as was the Unc. Hessberg coin]. perfectly centered, with full legends and date. Somewhat dull golden brown surfaces. A tough variety to find in grades better than Fine.....$89

50. 1787 Miller 33.20-Z.9, about Very Fine. Well struck, with full legends and date. Some light reverse rougness does not detract from the dark brown surfaces. An attractive, Low Rarity-6 variety. The Hessberg coin, only Fine, brought $198.....$189

51. 1787 Miller 33.28-Z.11, the "Snipe Nose" obverse. Good/Very Good, porous. A decent example of this Rarity-5 variety.....$29

52. 1787 Miller 33.28-Z.16, the second "Snipe Nose" variety. Very Good, a few light scratches on either side. Scarce.....$16

53. 1787 Miller 33.34-Z.11, Very Fine. Full legends and date. Even, chocolate brown, free of any defects. A virtual twin to the Hessberg coin that brought $330, this Rarity-6 variety is available at less than half that price!.....$159

54. 1787 Miller 33.38-Z.23, Fine to Very Fine; detail of full VF quality, but microscopically granular as almost always seen on this Rarity-6 variety. The present specimen shows more detail than the $605 Hessberg coin, though the surfaces aren't quite as nice; still, it's available at one-fourth of that price!.....$149

55. 1787 Miller 36-I.1, Very Good, the reverse weaker. Clean and evenly worn. Rarity-5, and tough to find in any grade.....$19

56. 1787 Miller 37.4-k.1, Very Fine. One small lamination on either side, and a small curved clip at the lower reverse which affects only the first digit of the date. Attractive medium brown surfaces; much finer than the weak VF Hessberg coin that brought $220.....$139

57. 1787 Miller 37.8-k.2, Very Fine. Weak centers as usual, though everything else is sharp. Clean medium brown surfaces. Though the variety can be found easily in lower grades, it is extremely tough to find in nice condition.....$89

58. 1787 Miller 37.8-HH, Very Good. Lower obverse/upper reverse weak. Somewhat glossy surfaces suggest a higher grade. A Rarity-5 variety.....$49

59. 1787 Miller 37.8-LL, Good+. Very weak on the right side. Low Rarity-5.....$17

60. 1787 Miller 38-l.2, the "AUCIORI" obverse. Fine or slightly better. Full legends and date, as well as most design detail. One large lamination on the obverse figure, a smaller one at Ms. Liberty's hand. Still much more appealing than the Fine Hessberg coin at $137.50. A very scarce [Rarity-4] variety.....$129

61. 1787 Miller 39.2-ee, the "AUCTOBI" obverse. Very Good/Fine, unevenly struck, with the right side weaker. Most of the legends and date are visible. Normal handling marks associated with the grade. AUCTOBI varieties are tough to find in any grade. This variety is Low Rarity-6.....$49

62. 1787 Miller 41-ii, "AUCTOPI" obverse. Very Good, with just clean, honest wear. Full legends and date. Matte-like dark brown, free of defects. An attractive example of this scarce variety and type.....$49

63. 1787 Miller 48-g.5, Very Good/Good, the reverse, as usual, somewhat weaker. The Good/AG Hessberg coin [the finest he could locate!] brought $66, this example is much nicer. High Rarity-6 variety, most examples known are in low grades.....$69

64. 1787 Miller 53-FF, Fine or slightly better. Well struck, with full legends and date. Clean medium brown surfaces, free of any sort of damage. More appealing than the example in our last list that sold quickly at $189; this R-5 variety is extremely tough to locate in any grade, let alone in one as appealing as this.....$159

65. 1788 Miller 2-D, Very Fine. Full legends and date, one large planchet defect at the obverse figures chin is the only impairment. The surfaces are otherwise clean, somewhat glossy light brown--a situation seldom seen on this variety that usually comes on dark, heavily plagued planchets. A very appealing example.....$49

66. 1788 Miller 13-A.1, Very Good. 20% off center to K-10, affecting the legends in that area. Anything this far off center is quite unusual in the Connecticut series.....$32

67. 1788 Miller 16.1-D, Fine to Very Fine. Well struck, with full legends and date. Clean, glossy brown planchet, free of any defects--a pleasant surprise for a 1788 issue!.....$69

68. 1788 Miller 16.1-H, Fine. Nearly full legends and date. Usual minute striae, though not in any way offensive. Scarce variety.....$49

69. 1788 Miller 16.3-N, Fine. There is a planchet protrusion, or "dimple" at K-9, and, a large curved clip at K-5, though the legends and date are complete. There is a small "E" scratched on the obverse drapery--a very early love token of sorts!.....$49

AUCTION CATALOGUE REVIEW:

STACK'S SALE OF THE EDWARD HESSBERG COLLECTION, June 19-20, 1991

Edward Hessberg was one of the better known collectors in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s. Most of the present generation of collectors did not know of the scope of his collection, especially of the Connecticut coppers, so when Stack's announced that they would be handling the sale, the collecting fraternity was abuzz. Rumors spread that there were more Uncirculated pieces than in the Taylor and Oechsner sales combined; that there were numerous finest known examples and just about every rare variety in the 1787 Draped Bust Left series imaginable, including several unlisted varieties.

The rumors, for the most part, were greatly exaggerated. There were several true Uncirculated pieces in the sale, though there were many more that were graded "Mint State or close to it" that were quite a way from that grade. There were many finest known and Condition Census examples, though only a handful of pieces were catalogued as such. The collection did present one of the greatest offerings of 1787 Draped Bust Left varieties, especially strong from Obverse 15 to the end of the series and Obverse 53. All in all, it will certainly go down as one of the greatest collections of Connecticut coppers ever offered. The remainder of the material was interesting, but, not really outstanding in any way.

Unfortunately, though the collection was a great one, the cataloguing job was exactly the opposite. Stack's, with its staff of expert numismatists, presented one of the worst catalogues ever. The material was routinely overgraded, there were over 20 misattributions [probably a world's record for such a large firm!], there was little or no research done for the Condition Census levels of various varieties [and, whenever a coin was listed as "Condition Census" it usually wasn't--a little research, or, a few phone calls to some of the experts in the field could certainly have helped!], the weights were listed in grains, but, not carried to any decimal point making them all but useless for research purposes [the story was that their scale had dropped and been damaged; c'mon guys, you have hundreds of millions of dollars in sales--go out and buy a new scale!], and, the rarity ratings used were a curious jumble of Miller's original ratings, the 1975 EAC sale and our own *Revised Rarity Ratings for Colonial Coinages*, which caused such wonderful errors as listing a 1787 Miller 16.3-I.2 in Fine as a "Rarity-4," and, not bothering to plate it. It is actually a Rarity-7, and, one of the finest known examples of the variety, and certainly deserved much better treatment!

Regardless of the cataloguing level, prices were extremely strong. Just about every major dealer and collector was there [or represented by someone else] at the sale, and it seemed that just about everybody had their list of "must have" coins. As expected, many of the same coins were on everybody's list, which led to frantic bidding wars and many record prices being realized for some varieties. A few of the highlights, not including the 10% buyer's fee, are listed below; any difference in the grade assigned in the catalogue and the grade we list represents our opinion of the true condition of the piece:

√ Lot 1264, 1787 Nova Eborac, large head, Extremely Fine, $1900
√ Lot 1265, 1787 Excelsior copper, Very Fine, $2600
√ Lot 1268, 1786 Vermont, Ryder 2, Very Fine, $1200 [!]
√ Lot 1289, 1786 New Jersey, Maris 21-P, EF, $1400
√ Lot 1348, 1786 Connecticut, Miller 2.1-D.3, Fine, $2600
√ Lot 1363, 1786 Miller 5.8-H.2, AU/UNC, $1600
√ Lot 1378, 1787 Miller 9-R, EF/AU, $2600
√ Lot 1389, 1787 Miller 16.3-I.2, Fine, $1500
√ Lot 1392, 1787 Miller 16.6-NN.2, UNC, $3500
√ Lot 1402, 1787 Miller 25-b, AU, $2400
√ Lot 1411, 1787 Miller 29.1-p, UNC, $2700
√ Lot 1413, 1787 Miller 29.2-o, UNC, $7500
√ Lot 1441, 1787 Miller 33.6-KK, AU, $4000 [!]
√ Lot 1455, 1787 Miller 33.13-q, VF, $5000
√ Lot 1463, 1787 Miller 33.17-r.1, UNC, $4500
√ Lot 1470, 1787 Miller 33.21-Z.13, EF, $3200

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√ Lot 1479, 1787 Miller 33.28-Z.20, VF, $1700
√ Lot 1491, 1787 Miller 33.35-Z.9, EF, $3250
√ Lot 1493, 1787 Miller 33.36-T.2, EF/AU, $3000
√ Lot 1495, 1787 Miller 33.37-Z.11, VG, $1200
√ Lot 1511, 1787 Miller 36-k.3, VG, $2000
√ Lot 1538, 1787 Miller 44-W.5, EF, $1700
√ Lot 1546, 1787 Miller 53-FF, AU, $4000
√ Lot 1555, 1788 Miller 11-G, UNC, $2600

As impressive as some of these prices may seem, it is important to note that the vast majority of lower grade or less rare varieties also commanded strong prices, usually many multiples of what comparable coins brought in Taylor and Oechsner. It seems as if the prices are moving up dramatically, not just on rare varieties or high grade pieces, but, across the board. One wonders if some of the prices listed above will seem like incredible bargains to those who attend the next super sale of Connecticut coppers, just as the Taylor prices, which were record-setters in their day, now seem to be. One also wonders if the prices would have been even higher had the collection been catalogued by someone like Michael Hodder of Bowers and Merena who would have certainly done the coins justice!

For collectors interested in keeping their records straight, we here list the mis-attributions or notable errors in the Hessberg sale catalogue:

- Lot 1258 is a Noe 36, not a Noe 37.
- Lot 1261 is not a Small Head variety, it was a regular figure right variety.
- Lot 1277 is a 1788 Ryder 27, not a "1788...Ryder 13".
- Lot 1294 is a Maris 30-L, not a 27-S.
- Lot 1295 is a Maris 32-T, not a 28-L.
- Lot 1297 is a Maris 28-L, not a 32-T.
- Lot 1298 is a Maris 33-U, not a 33-L.
- Lot 1305 is a Maris 38-Z, not a 38-c.
- Lot 1312 is a Maris 46-e, not a 47-e.
- The plate over Lot 1360 is actually of Lot 1361.
- Lot 1366 is a Miller 4.1-G, not a Miller "5.11-G"--big mistake, guys!
- Lot 1419 is a Miller 32.1-X.3, not a 32.2-X.1.
- Lot 1422 is a Miller 32.2-X.2, not a "32.2-X.6".
- Lot 1432 is a Miller 33.29-gg.1, not a 33.2-Z.5 [one of the few that went up in rarity!]
- Lot 1453 is a Miller 33.2-Z.5, not a "33.12-Z.5" [which was it's orginal Dr. Hall number]
- Lot 1480 is a Miller 33.38-gg.1, not a 33.29-gg.1.
- Lot 1527 is a Miller 37.1-cc.1, not a 37.14-cc.2.
- Lot 1541 is a Miller 47-a.3, not a 46-BB, and..
- Lot 1542 is a Miller 46-BB, not a 47-a.3.
- Lot 1543 turned out to be a Miller 26-AA.
- Lot 1562 is a Miller 16.1-H, not a 15.2-P [a surprise for the mail bidder who won it at $400!]
- Lot 1564 is a Miller 15.2-P, not a 16.1-H.
- Lot 1567 is a Miller 16.5-H, not a "16.6-H"

OVERALL CATALOGUE GRADE: A-

70. 1787 Maris 6-C, the "Pattern Shield" reverse. Fine, well struck, with full legends and date. Medium brown planchet, just slightly rough on the obverse. An attractive example of this scarce issue.....$89

71. 1787 Maris 6-D, Fine, most legends and date visible, the reverse even having most of the shield lines visible. Reverse probably cleaned and retoned. Inexpensive.....$29

72. 1786 Maris 15-J, Fine, full date and legends and shield lines. Attractive, matte-like brown planchet, free of defects.....$49

73. 1786 Maris 15-T, Very Fine. The obverse is weaker on the horse [as usually seen on the variety], the reverse shield is bold and sharp, as are all of the legends and date. Somewhat glossy medium brown surfaces, completely free of any sort of problem or defect. A most attractive example of this Rarity-4 variety.....$199

74. 1787 Maris 23-R, Good/Very Good, obverse granular. Cheap.....$9

75. 1787 Maris 28-L, Fine. Slightly weak at the center of the obverse. Full date, legends, shield lines and horse's eye and ears. Attractive medium brown, with just a touch of planchet striae. Almost as nice as the Fine+ on our last list that received multiple orders at $129.....$99

76. 1787 Maris 31-L, Fine, heavy edge bumps and bruises. Cheap at.....$15

77. 1787 Maris 34-J, Very Good, two large planchet cuts. Neat variety.....$25

78. 1787 Maris 38-Y, Very Good, unevenly struck. Most date and legends. Scarce variety.....$39

79. 1787 Maris 38-a, Very Good, heavy planchet striations.....$15

80. 1787 Maris 43-Y, Good to Very Good. Full obverse legends and half of the reverse legends; the date is weak. Slightly rough dark brown planchet. Still, a legitimate Rarity-5 variety, and one that is hardly ever seen offered in any grade.....$49

81. 1787 Maris 46-e, Very Fine. The legends are nearly full, the date is almost completely gone. Attractive dark brown, glossy planchet. Rare early die state, with the dies having only clashed once, and the incuse images on the obverse still quite faint.....$89

82. 1787 Maris 48-f, Very Good, weak at date and reverse periphery. Clean greyish-brown, free of any defects. Scarce.....$29

83. 1787 Maris 48-g, Very Fine. Well struck, with full legends and date, as well as all the details expected of the grade. Slightly granular medium brown planchet does not affect the overall attractiveness of the coin.....$89

84. 1787 Maris 52-i, Very Fine. Sharply struck, with full legends and date. Perfectly centered--quite unusual for the variety--and free of any damage. Mottled brown and rose shades, slightly matte-like, and quite attractive. From our last list at $189, here offered at our cost of...$139

85. 1787 Maris 53-j, Fine, the reverse a shade weaker. Full date and legends. Glossy olive brown, slightly rough on either side. Very attractive, and a tough variety to find in any grade.....$99

86. 1787 Maris 56-n, the "Camel Head" variety. Very Fine detail, but the surfaces are evenly granular. Overstruck on a 1787 Connecticut copper, apparently one of the 32-X varieties. Popular type coin.....$49

87. 1787 Maris 60-p, the PLURIBS variety. Fine+, weak at the obverse center. Full date and legends, including the all-important error on the reverse. Attractive olive brown, somewhat glossy surfaces, with just the normal handling marks associated with the grade. From our last list at $209, offered here at below cost. Only.....$119

88. 1787 Maris 63-q, Fine. Well struck, with full legends and date. An attractive, clean example of the large planchet type.....$59

89. 1787 Maris 64-t, large planchet. Fine, evenly granular, but with all the detail of a higher grade. Inexpensive at.....$29

90. 1788 Maris 65-u, Very Good. Probably closer to the Fine level, but struck from a practically disintegrating obverse die which is failing in the centers and cracked extensively through the plow handles and the left legend. There are several small marks on the reverse. A High Rarity-5 variety, the Fine+ example we offered on our last list [at $429] was probably of Condition Census quality....$79

91. 1788 Maris 67-v, bold Very Fine. Full legends and date, though a few obverse letters are slightly weak. Slightly rough medium brown. An attractive example, one of the most inexpensive VF's around!.....$79

92. 1787 Maris 68-w, Very Good, porous. One reverse lamination. Nearly complete legends and date. Rarity-5, and tough to locate in any condition. From our last list at $85; you people drive a hard bargain on some of these--how about at our cost of.....$59

93. 1787 Maris 71-y, Very Good/Fine, though some areas appear slightly worse due to heavy die failure, overstriking on another coin and minutely rough surfaces. The obverse die is spectacularly failed, with a huge cud covering nearly a quarter of the surface! Completely described and photographed in our last price list. Rarity-7, less than a dozen known in all conditions, most of which are in museums or private collections. A simply spectacular rarity in the series.....$779

94. 1788 Maris 75-bb, a "Running Fox" variety. Very Fine, full legends and date. The horse's eye is a bit weak, but, the shield lines are bold and sharp. The surfaces are a hard, glossy medium brown, and much more attractive than normally seen on the variety. There is a completely natural planchet defect, which was there before the coin was struck, that cuts off about half the running fox. A very choice example of this Rarity-4 variety and distinctive type coin, much nicer than the example sold off of our last price list at $179.....$199

95. 1788 Maris 77-dd, close to Very Fine. Full legends and date; the shield lines are nearly full, and the running fox is sharp. Attractive light brown; the reverse just slightly granular, but, not unattractively so. One small planchet flaw at the O of NOVA. A very choice example of a tough type coin that is normally found in much lower grades.....$189

VERMONT COPPERS

96. 1786 Ryder 6, Fine. Usual strike for a Landscape, with some areas stronger than the grade assigned and some areas weaker. Slightly off center to K-7, causing VERMON to be off the planchet. An attractive, affordable example of the landscape type.....$100

97. 1786 Ryder 7, Very Good. Weak and uneven strike, though the majority of the legends are still visible.....$89

98. 1786 Ryder 8, Good. Weak centers, but, half the legends and date are visible. Lightly rough. One of the most inexpensive landscapes we've ever seen offered, and, a Rarity-4 variety to boot!.....$69

99. 1787 Ryder 13, the "Britannia" reverse. Very Fine, grading, as usual, by the obverse only. Full legends on that side, a trace of the reverse legends can be made out. Dark brown, one small reverse defect. Attractive, and, a variety that is always popular.....$79

100. 1788 Ryder 16, Fine to Very Fine, weak at the centers. Full legends and most of the date visible. Attractive medium brown surfaces, free of any sort of damage. A choice example of the variety.....$99

101. 1788 Ryder 24, the "Horned Bust" variety. Very Good. Probably full Fine in terms of wear, but struck on a misshapen and slightly defective planchet. Medium brown, somewhat glossy surfaces...$79

102. 1788 Ryder 25, Very Good. Nearly full legends, date is weak. Slightly rough, with a few small reverse nicks. Quite cheap at.....$32

MASSACHUSETTS COPPERS

103. 1787 Cent, Ryder 2b-A, the "Horned Eagle" reverse. Fine, full legends, date and CENT on the eagle's shield. Uniformly matte-like, dark brown surfaces, free of any sort of defect. A very popular variety.....$49

104. 1787 Cent, Ryder 2b-C. Very Fine, with the legends, date and other details all sharp. Struck on the usual type of planchet stock seen on the variety, with a number of small laminations on either side. Attractive medium brown surfaces. An R-4 variety, seldom seen nicer.....$129

105. 1787 Cent, Ryder 6-G, Very Good, slightly rough. Cheap.....$29

106. 1787 Half Cent, Ryder 4-C, close to Very Fine. Well struck, except at the absolute centers, as usual. Glossy medium brown surfaces; there are a few solder spots on the obverse, which may be removable. An inexpensive higher grade half cent.....$89

107. 1788 Cent Ryder 1-D, strong Very Fine. Full legends, date and all the design detail. There are traces of porosity on either side. A well struck, appealing coin, at a very low price.....$59

108. 1788 Cent, Ryder 2-B, Very Good, slightly weak peripheries.....$19

109. 1788 Cent, Ryder 11-F, Good/Very Good, microscopically granular. This is the toughest variety attributed to Jacob Perkins to find [High Rarity-4], and is almost always seen in low grades.....$29

110. 1788 Cent, Ryder 13-N, Very Good. The surfaces are a gorgeous glossy honey brown, but, the edges have been banged up.....$19

111. 1788 Cent, Ryder 15-M, Very Fine, weak at the absolute centers as often found. Attractive medium brown surfaces; one large reverse lamination affects parts of the MA of MASSACHUSETTS. The detail and appearance of this coin is not too far off from the "EF-40" Taylor example that brought $660 almost four years ago. An opportunity for the specialist to obtain one of the tougher[Rarity-5] varieties to the series.....$149

This variety was unknown and unlisted by Hillyer Ryder when he wrote the reference work for the series in 1919; it was first published by A. R. Beaudreau in the October, 1960 issue of The Colonial Newsletter.

112. 1788 Half Cent, Ryder 1-B, Fine overall, but with detail of a high-end VF coin. A few reverse dents do detract, and, are reflected in the price of this example. A popular denomination, tough to find in any grade.....$39

NEW YORK ISSUES

113. 1787 Nova Eborac, reverse figure facing left. Very Good, usual weak peripheral strike, about half the legends visible. Lightly granular medium brown. A very affordable example of this scarce issue.....$49

114. "1771" Atlee Halfpence, Vlack 2-71A. Very Good, evenly rough, but, no detail is obscured, and the date and legends are complete. Popular "Topless Liberty" variety, tough to find in any grade.....$39

115. "1778" Atlee Halfpence, Vlack 12-78B. Fine, weak central areas, though everything else is strong. Very clean, glossy brown surfaces [quite unusual for a Machin's Mills issue!]. Cheap at.....$59

FUGIO COPPERS

116. 1787, Newman 4-E, Club Rays variety. Fine, the obverse closer to VF in some details. Well struck, with the majority of the legends bold. Attractive medium brown, somewhat glossy surfaces; one small lamination on either side does not detract. The Club Rays varieties have always been extremely popular--this is the first time we've been able to offer them on a fixed price list [though we have sold several to our want list customers]; either of the examples offered here would be a choice addition to any collection.....$249

117. 1787, Newman 4-E, another example. Very Fine, full legends and date, as well as the numerals on the sundial [though a few are slightly weak]. Clean dark brown fields with olive-brown devices; this produces an attractive two-tone effect. One small planchet flaw at the rim at K-10 is visible from the obverse and does not interfere with the legends. A choice example of this extremely sought-after type, seldom found nicer.....$429

118. 1787, Newman 9-P. Overall detail of Fine, but, a few light nicks and some heavier scrapes are noted. The surfaces are a lovely chocolate brown. Not as bad as we make it sound, and certainly one of the most inexpensive Fugio's around!.....$99

COUNTERSTAMPED COLONIALS

A most intriguing and often overlooked area in colonials are the various counterstamped issues. We have always been interested in this area, and have been hanging on to whatever issues came our way. Here we offer seven examples. Counterstamped issues are all quite rare on colonial coins, and, seem to be quite undervalued.

119. 1760 Voce Populi halfpenny, Nelson 4, the "Imperial Head" variety. Fine or better, counterstamped "IP" on either side; this is the first Voce Populi halfpenny that we've seen counterstamped.....$49

120. [1787] Connecticut copper, unattributable as to variety. Counterstamped "GROVE" in a serrated rectangular border and "J•G" in a heart-shaped border on the obverse side. Both stamps are of eighteenth-century origin, and both are unlisted in Brunk. Coin grades About Good, counterstamps are Fine. Extremely rare.....$69

121. 1787 Connecticut, most likely Obverse 11, counterstamped with a large "AN" in a serrated rectangular border, another counterstamp, probably an "M" appears below, but is about half off the planchet. Also of eighteenth-century origin, and, again, unlisted by Brunk. Coin grades About Good, counterstamps are Good.....$49

122. 1788 Connecticut, Miller 15.1-L.1, counterstamped "1825" in a serrated rectangular border; the fabric of the counterstamp supports the possibility that this was the year it was so stamped. Coin is Very Fine, with almost full legends and date, the counterstamp is also Very Fine. Attractive medium brown, glossy surfaces. A most intriguing counterstamp, especially as it is on a rare [R-5] variety.....$129

123. 1788 New Jersey, Maris 67-v. Counterstamped "F" "G" on either side of the horse's head on the obverse, and "MC" at the base of the shield on the reverse. A large "E" "C" has also been engraved on either side of the shield. Coin is Very Fine, though the peripheral reverse legends were intentionally planed off before the counterstamps were applied; counterstamps also grade Very Fine. Most unusual, both the counterstamps unlisted in Brunk.....$99

124. 1788 Massachusetts cent, Ryder 10-L, counterstamped "TH" in a small rectangular punch, the counterstamp is found eight times on the obverse and twice on the reverse--a world's record for number of counterstamps? Coin is Very Good or so, with full legends and date, counterstamps range from Good to Fine. A most unusual issue.....$79

125. 1787 Fugio copper, Newman 13-X, counterstamped "STI" [?] on the obverse and "JA" on the reverse. Both coin and counterstamps grade Very Good; the coin is an attractive, chocolate brown. This is the first counterstamped Fugio we've handled, doubtless, it is quite rare.....$59

126. 1794 Talbot, Allum & Lee cent, Fuld 4, with "NEW YORK." Counterstamped "[...]SMR" at the right obverse [the coin was not struck by the entire punch]. Coin is Very Fine, with two edge dents where it was held in a vise while being counterstamped, the punch is Fine. Another rare counterstamped type.....$69

WASHINGTONIA

127. "1783" Unity States Cent, Baker 1. Very Fine, with the usual peripheral striations [which were intentionally placed there to make the coin look worn and facilitate its acceptance], but, without any sort of damage. Nice medium brown, and, quite appealing.....$89

128. Undated [circa 1815-1820] Washington Double Head token, Baker 6. Choice Very Fine. Well struck, with full legends and much of the finer design details. Mostly clean, medium brown surfaces; quite appealing, and much nicer than the worn examples one usually encounters.....$59

129. Undated [i.e. 1795-6] Washington Success token, large size. Baker 265, brass, plain edge. Very Fine; the obverse side had some laminations before the piece was struck, and these are still visible under the design detail. Reverse center is weak, but, the peripheral legends are complete. A popular issue.....$109

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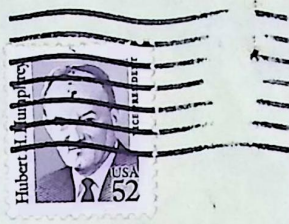

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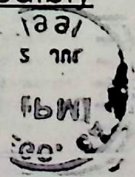
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